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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON: F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Old Broad Street, E.C. 4. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill, E.C. 3. GORDON & GORON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. 4. BATES & HENRY & Co., 37, Walbrook, E.C. 4. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 164, Leadenhall Street, E.C. 3. PARIS AND EUROPE: GALLIER & FAIRBANK, 30, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK: ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND: GORDON & GORON, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO: American Ports generally: DEAN & BLACK, San Francisco. SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.: SAYLE & Co., Singapore, C. HEINZ & Co., Malacca. CHINA: Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Canton, Hong Kong & Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Amoy, HONGKONG & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

## Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.  
RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.  
INTEREST received on New Shares, \$26,765.62.  
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COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman: Wm. RENNIE, Esq.  
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Chief Manager: THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
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London: BANKERS, London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

## Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
Second and Final BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions, and a DIVIDEND of Eight per cent. on the TWENTY-NINE CENTS per Share for the year 1882, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.  
WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.  
By Order of the Board, DOUGLAS JONES, Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, October 22, 1883.

## VICTORIA HOTEL.

Proprietors: DORABEE & HING KEE, late Lessees of the Hongkong Hotel.

THIS HOTEL is situated on the Praya Central in the centre of the principal Business localities and commands a magnificent view of the Harbour and surrounding scenery. From its detached position, perfect ventilation has been secured, and the whole of the ROOMS being Commodious and well-furnished with every Requisite and Comfort afford most desirable Accommodation.  
The BAR, BILLIARD ROOM, and DINING ROOMS, are fitted up in a Superior manner, and are all under European Supervision and Management.  
The TABLE D'OTE is supplied with every delicacy of the Season, and most satisfactory attendance. WINES and LIQUORS of the best Qualities and Brands only are supplied. Arrangements for BALLS, BANQUETS, DINNERS and PICTURES made on the most Reasonable Terms. The long and almost exclusive experience of the Proprietors, and the wide Reputation they have gained, are a sufficient guarantee that satisfaction will be given in this Branch.  
With every facility for making suitable Arrangements at Reasonable Prices, either for permanent or weekly Boarders, the Proprietors confidently appeal to the Community of Hongkong for a continuance of the generous Patronage bestowed on them during the past eleven years.  
Hongkong, November 20, 1883.

WILLIAM BOLAN, RAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANYAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

## Intimations.

CYFARFOD CREFYDDOL CYMRAEG.

THE Rev. DAVID D. JONES of the "AMERICAN BOARD" Mission desires to consult with the Welsh Residents in Hongkong, in regard to holding WELSH RELIGIOUS MEETINGS here, when he occasionally visits the Colony.  
Welshmen will oblige by sending their Names and Addresses to the  
Rev. D. D. JONES,  
2, Bridge Street, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, December 18, 1883.

HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES at the above School will take place at St. PAUL'S COLLEGE, on SATURDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 11 a.m. His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to be present.  
Contributions of Prizes, or towards the Endowment Fund of the School will be thankfully received.  
Hongkong, December 17, 1883.

HOP SHING & Co., ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c., WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced BUSINESS, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an EXPERIENCED EUROPEAN. Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms.  
24th September, 1883.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 179.  
CHINA SEA.  
CHEFOO DISTRICT.  
SOUTH-EAST SHANTUNG PREMONSTRY LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the LIGHTON the South-east SHANTUNG PREMONSTRY TOWER was exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 26th ultimo.  
The illuminating apparatus is a Revolving Dioptric of the First Order, showing White flashes at half minute intervals.  
The Lighthouse stands on the south-eastern elbow of the island known as the South-east Promontory, and the level of the sea, should be visible in clear weather at a distance of 15 1/2 nautical miles.  
The tower is round, of iron, 50 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vanes of 77 1/2 feet.  
The tower is painted in red and white horizontal bands, the keepers' dwellings and the boundary wall are white.  
Approximate position:—  
Latitude.....36° 54' 00" N.  
Longitude.....122° 31' 45" E.  
For SIGNAL.  
A First-class Siren, giving a blast of about 4 seconds, duration at intervals of 13 minutes, will be sounded during thick or foggy weather.

CAUTION.  
Regarding the island which forms the South-east Promontory, the China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1874, p. 463, states that:—"Extensive reefs, some detached, border the whole shore, which is of the most dangerous character and should not be passed at less than a mile, except off the western bluff, nor in less than 9 fathoms water."  
By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs,  
A. M. BISBEE, Coast Inspector.  
Imperial Maritime Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, Shanghai, 5th December, 1883.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.  
No. 180.  
CHINA SEA.  
FOG SIGNAL at FISHER ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE AND OTHER STATIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 1st January, 1884, the FOG SIGNAL at FISHER ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE, which at present is a gun with an interval of ten minutes between them, will be two guns with an interval of five minutes between them, and that when the Signal has to be repeated a space of ten minutes will be allowed to elapse between the last gun of one signal and the first gun of the next.  
It is also notified that when there is occasion to repeat the FOG Gun Signal at the following Light-stations (at which no interval between signals has hitherto been established) the time between the last gun of one signal and the first gun of the next will be as shown below, on and after the 1st January, 1884.

Name of Light Station.	Interval between Signals.
Lamock's Lighthouse.	12 minutes.
Chapel Island.	10 "
Okla's Island.	10 "
Turnabout.	10 "
Midella dog.	15 "
West Volcano.	10 "
Getzall.	15 "
North Saddle.	10 "
Shawsham.	15 "
N.E. Shantung Promontory Lighthouse.	10 "
Chefoo.	8 "

NOTE.  
The FOG GUN SIGNALS for all the LIGHTS at which they have been established are described in the printed List of the Chinese Light-houses, Light-vessels, Buoys and Beacons. This List is published each year with corrections to the 30th November of the preceding year, and may be bought of Messrs. KELLY & WALSH in Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.  
By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs,  
A. M. BISBEE, Coast Inspector.  
Imperial Maritime Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, Shanghai, 7th December, 1883.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, Shanghai, 7th December, 1883.

## For Sale.

CHRISTMAS 1883.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED AND HAVE NOW ON VIEW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.

ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS

—AND—  
FANCY GOODS,

Comprising:—

Roast Turtle Soup.  
Salmon Cutlets.  
Kippers and Sardines.  
Herrings in White Wine.  
French Truffled Potatoes.  
Assorted English Patties.  
Pâté de Foie Gras.  
Truffled Chickens in Jelly.  
French Truffled Larks.  
Assorted French Potatoes.  
Asparagus.  
Petite Pies.  
Champignons.  
Pudding and Sultana Raisins.  
Peel for Mince-cakes.  
Christmas Ham.  
Christmas Cakes.  
Plum Puddings.  
Ripe Sultans.  
Port du Salut Cheese.  
Gruyère Cheese.  
Gorgonzola Cheese.  
Double Gloucester Cheese.  
French Puffs.  
Fruits in Noyau and Brandy.  
Crystallized Fruits.  
Ela's Plums.  
Muscatel Raisins.  
Barcelona and Brazil Nuts.  
Best French Confectionery.  
Bonbons and Dragées.  
Bonbonnières for Christmas Trees.  
French Chocolates.  
Newest Cakes and Crackers.  
French and English Toys.  
Mechanical Toys.  
Electric Toys.  
French and English Dolls.  
Out-door Games.  
Christmas and New Year Cards.  
Hongkong, December 9, 1883.

SAYLE & Co.

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED AND ARE NOW SHOWING THE FOLLOWING NEW GOODS:—

NEW DESIGNS IN BRUSSELS CARPETS with BORDERS and RUGS to Match.  
A Large and Choice Assortment of AXMINSTER and SKY HEARTH RUGS.  
Eiderdown QUILTS and PILLOWS.  
TRAVELLING RUGS in great variety.  
A Large Stock of BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS.  
Ebony and Walnut COAL VASES.  
Single and Double PERAMBULATORS.  
The New "PATENT AIR LAMPS."  
AUSTRIAN BENT WOOD FURNITURE.  
FLOORCLOTHS for HALLS, ROOMS and PASSAGES.  
COCA MATTING, all widths.  
COIR MATS.  
SAYLE & Co.,  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE.  
Hongkong, December 4, 1883.

## Intimations.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
AGENCE DE HONGKONG.

FROM this date and during my Absence from the Colony, the Agency will be conducted by Mr. I. MARTIN.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.  
Hongkong, December 14, 1883.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for passing the Company's Steamers through the Suez Canal in QUARANTINE, thus avoiding any detention in Egypt. The Homeward Mails are now being landed at VENICE, but the QUARANTINE which is still imposed at this and all other CONTINENTAL Ports prevents the landing of Passengers, and those travelling by the Company's Steamers are advised to remain on board the Vessel which calls at MARSEILLE en route—stopping a few hours only to discharge Cargo—and proceed in her direct to LONDON, thus avoiding all QUARANTINE delays and inconveniences.  
The Passages of the Steamers will be accelerated, and they will not call at MALTA or GIBRALTAR.  
A. McIVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, September 6, 1883.

FREDERIO ALGAR, COLONIAL NEWSPAPER & COMMISSION AGENT.

THE Colonial Press supplied with News-papers, Books, Types, Ink, Presses, Papers, Correspondence, Letters, and any European Goods on London terms.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Colonial Newspapers received at the office are regularly filed for the inspection of Advertisers and the Public.

## Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN Accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with Approval of the Consulting Committee, will on 1st JANUARY, 1884, issue INTEREST WARRANTS of \$3 per Share, Payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, the same being at the Rate of 10 per cent. annum, on the Paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1883, and Notice is hereby given that in Order that the same may be adjusted the Transfer BOOKS of the Office will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st Instant, both days inclusive.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.  
Hongkong, December 12, 1883.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH and FINAL CALL of 210 Sterling per Share on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of the CORPORATION, will fall due on the 31st DECEMBER CURRENT in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-named places.  
PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the First Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank. HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying the Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.  
The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/6 3/4, or \$3.37 1/2 per Share.  
INTEREST at the Rate of 7 per cent. annum will be Charged on Calls unpaid on the 31st DECEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 13, 1883.

## Intimations.

E. J. DURNY, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC.

LESSONS given on the PIANO and ORGAN.  
TERMS MODERATE.

Address, c/o THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd Inst. until the 8th Proximo, both days inclusive.  
HENRY R. H. MARTIN, Manager.  
Hongkong, December 18, 1883.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

BREAKFAST 8.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.  
DINNER 1.00 "  
DINNER 7.30 "

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself in this Colony as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

HECTOR SAMPSON.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ON and after the 1st October, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 1 1/2 Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

SEE WOO, TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER.

No. 55, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Has just Received by French Mail, CHRISTY'S BLACK, BROWN AND DRAB FELT HATS, AND TWEED HATS, (of all shapes).

All Kinds of PERFUMES and TOILET SOAPS.

All Sorts of GENTLEMEN'S WINTER CLOTHING, &c., &c.

Hongkong, December 3, 1883.

NOW ON SALE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, BY DR. E. J. EITEL.

CROWN OCTAVO, PP. 1018.

HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K, \$2.50  
Part II. K-M, \$2.50  
Part III. M-T, \$3.00  
Part IV. T-Y, \$3.00

A Reduction of ten per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kanghi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

FIVE Hundred to Six Hundred Tons COKE and COAL TAR, in lots to suit, from one ton upwards.

CHOY CHEW, 230, PRAYA W'ed.

RODERICK DRU WHISKY.

A Pure, Fine-Flavoured Blend, Equal in Bouquet and Style to the Finest FRENCH BRANDY.

Sole Agent, Hongkong, C. L. THEVENIN.

Hongkong, October 19, 1883.

C. L. THEVENIN, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT, HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDING, HAS FOR SALE

A Fine Assortment of WHITE and RED BURGUNDIES, GRAND HENRI, A.C., CHAMPAGNE, POMMERY, REIMS, CHATELAIN, Pons and Quarta, &c., &c.

OLD PORT, SHERRY, WHISKY, COGNAC, ASSORTED LIQUEURS and SYRUPS, PERFUMERY, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, \$18 per doz. Case. Extra, \$19 per doz. Case.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

THE REPORT of the TRIAL of LOGAN at CANTON that appeared in the China Mail has been printed in PAMPHLET FORM, and is now on Sale—Price, 30 Cents.

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS, BRONZES, JADES, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned will offer FOR SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION, on FRIDAY, the 21st December, 1883, the Sale commencing at 10.30 a.m., pausing at Noon, and resuming at 2 p.m.—

A VERY FINE AND EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINA WARE, CURIOS, &c.

The same having just arrived in this Colony from the North of CHINA, being a very careful and valuable collection, made in PEKIN and the Northern PROVINCES of CHINA, and comprising:—

Old Ming Lacquer, Old Porcelains from the Ming Dynasty, the reigns of the Emperors KANG-HSI, YUNG-CHEN and K'UNG-LING in FIVE-COLOURED and BLUE and WHITE VASES, JARS, DISHES, PLATES, BOWLS, PURE BLACK K'ANG-HSI and BLACK and GOLD K'UNG-LING VASES, SALT DE BOUTE and FRAMBOISE PORCELAINS. Old BRONZES, BAMBOO CARVINGS, and a quantity of very fine JADE, Old PEKIN ENAMELS (CLOISONNE) CURIOS, &c.

And some good specimens of PORCELAINS of more modern manufacture. &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on Thursday, the 20th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 7, 1883.

POSTPONEMENT.

"G. C. TRUFANT."

TO BE SOLD, at MANILA, by PUBLIC AUCTION, without reserve, for account of the concerned,

On a Day to be named hereafter, THE BRITISH SHIP "G. C. TRUFANT,"

As she now lies at her anchors in Manila Bay. HULL, MASTS, SPARS, RIGGING, SAILS, ANCHORS and CABLES, and all her other FURNITURE and APPAREL in One Lot.

Conditions of Sale may be had of LLOYD'S AGENTS, Manila.

3rd December, 1883.

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. For further Particulars apply to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

GODOWNS-TO-LET.

PRATA EAST AND WANCHAI ROAD. For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1883.

TO LET.

"BISNEE VILLA" POKFULUM, Furnished. No. 258, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, December 17, 1883.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW. The Co.'s Steamship "Douglas," Capt. S. AUSTIN, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 20th Inst., at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 18, 1883.

FOR BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer "Danube," Captain J. NEWTON, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 21st Instant, at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.

Hongkong, December 18, 1883.

FOR BANGKOK.

The Steamship "Fering," Capt. HUEZEMAN, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, December 17, 1883.

## Shipping.

STEAMERS.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Co.'s Steamship "Frim," Captain BOUTER, will be despatched on or about the 23rd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1883.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship "Glenfin," Captain JACOBS, will be despatched as above on or about the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, December 10, 1883.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA, VIA SAIGON AND PONTIANAK.

The Co.'s Steamship "Comet," Captain JACOBS, will be despatched as above on or about the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 18, 1883.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ODESSA, and the MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship "Orion," Capt. G. MAHONISTON, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 27th Instant.

For further Particulars, apply to MELOERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 18, 1883.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND.)

The Steamship "Changchun," Captain WHITTELL, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th January, at 4 p.m.

This Vessel has unusually good Cabin Accommodation, situated amidships, upon the upper deck.











## Mails.



**MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE,  
VIA INLAND SEA.  
(Taking Cargo and Passengers for YOKO-  
HAMA.)

THE S.S. TAKACHIO MARU, Capt. Naga, due here on or about the 15th inst., will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 21st December, at 4 p.m. Cargo received on board and parcels at the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing. No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

All Claims must be settled, otherwise they will not be recognized. Cargo and Passengers for Yokohama will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Offices, Praya Central, Ground Floor of Messrs. RUSSELL & CO.

H. J. H. TRIPP,  
Agent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1883. 1105



**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, MARSHALLS, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.**  
ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through bills of lading for BATAVIA, PERMAN, GULF PORTS, MARSHALLS, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship KAISAR-I-HIND, Captain E. G. STEAD, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this office for LONDON, via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL, on TUESDAY, the 26th December, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Ships and Values for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and Gun and Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipping, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

For further Particulars, regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong. The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSHALLS.

A. MEYER, Superintendant.  
Hongkong, December 12, 1883. 1113

## Insurances.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

**THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 855

## NOTICE.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Goods at a per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 938

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

**Marine Department.**  
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

**Fire Department.**  
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

**Life Department.**  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 400

**LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1887. 109

## Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent by Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as though written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 2 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Correspondence sent by the Union is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Bahama, Hawaii, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by air route—  
Letters, 10 cents per 1/2 oz.  
Post Cards, 3 cents each.  
Registration, 10 cents.  
Newspapers, 2 cents each.  
Books, Patterns and 2 cents each.  
Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on registered correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Terra Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Ceylon, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

## LOCAL POSTAGE.

(General Local Rates)  
Letters, 10 cents per 1/2 oz.  
Post Cards, 3 cents each.  
Registration, 10 cents.  
Newspapers, 2 cents each.  
Books, Patterns and 2 cents each.  
Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.  
(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c. can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Direct Warrants, Invitations, &c., &c. all of the same weight, to addressees in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unattended, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first explained or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Macao, Pakhoi, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, where more than 6 in. is not smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed, if they bear this special endorsement, PARCELS, CONTAINING NO LETTER, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and for India a declaration of contents for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as tinboxes, &c.); Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Match, Gun, Fire, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mail, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be Registered or not, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—  
Books and Papers—to British Offices, 5 lbs. 10 oz. to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns—to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

## Chair, Jimricksha, and Boat Hire.

LEGISLATED TABLE OF RATES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR DRIVERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats.  
Half hour, 10 cts. Hour, 20 cts.  
Three hours, 50 cts. Six hours, 70 cts.  
Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA PEAK.  
Single Trip.  
Four Coolies, 10 cts. 50 cts.  
Three Coolies, 8 cts. 40 cts.  
Two Coolies, 6 cts. 30 cts.

Return (direct or by Pok-fu Lam).  
Four Coolies, 10 cts. 50 cts.  
Three Coolies, 8 cts. 40 cts.  
Two Coolies, 6 cts. 30 cts.

TO VICTORIA GAP (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA SEAT).  
Single Trip.  
Four Coolies, 10 cts. 50 cts.  
Three Coolies, 8 cts. 40 cts.  
Two Coolies, 6 cts. 30 cts.

Return (direct or by Pok-fu Lam).  
Four Coolies, 10 cts. 50 cts.  
Three Coolies, 8 cts. 40 cts.  
Two Coolies, 6 cts. 30 cts.

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip (Peak), 80 cts. each Coolie.  
(12 hours) Gap, 60 cts. each Coolie.

Jimricksha.  
Quarter of an hour or less, 5 cts.  
Half an hour, 10 cts.  
One hour, 15 cts.  
Three hours, 45 cts.  
Six hours, 75 cts.  
One day (12 hours), 1.50.

Port to Shaukiwan or Pokfulam, from the centre of the Town, 20 cts. Return, 35 cts.  
Port to Aberdeen, from the centre of the Town, 25 cts. Return, 40 cts.

If an Extra Coolie is employed, there will be an addition of half the above scale of pay. Nothing in this scale prevents private agreements.

Licensed Hackers (each).  
Hour, 10 cts. 50 cts.  
Half day, 35 cts.  
Day, 50 cts.

RIGHT AND COOLIE HIRE.  
Boats.  
1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, \$3.00.  
1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Load, 2.00.  
2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Day, 2.50.  
2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Load, 1.75.  
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 300 piculs, per Day, 1.50.  
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 300 piculs, per Load, 1.00.

Sanpans.  
or Pullaway Boats, per Day, \$1.00.  
Half Day, 50 cts.  
After 6 P.M., 10 cts. extra.  
Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.  
One day, 20 cts. 1.00.  
Half Day, 10 cts. 50 cts.  
Three Hours, 12 cts. 60 cts.  
One Hour, 5 cts. 25 cts.  
Half Hour, 3 cts. 15 cts.  
Nothing in the above Scale to affect private agreements.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore B, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the P. & O. Co.'s Factory.  
3. From P. & O. Co.'s Factory to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to Boat Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers.</b>						
Albatross	Brit. str.	366	Dec. 18	Douglas Steamship Co.	Swatow	21st inst.
Atlanta	Brit. str.	783	Dec. 19	Siemens & Co.	Saigon	21st inst.
Danube	Brit. str.	561	Nov. 22	Yuen Fat Hong	Swatow, &c.	21st inst.
Douglas	Brit. str.	982	Dec. 19	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Emu	Brit. str.	444	June 30	Ramondia & Co.	Tug Flying	
Fano	Brit. str.	117	Nov. 28	H. K. & W'pon Dock Co.		
Hainan	Brit. str.	281	Nov. 28	Alford & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Hwai Yuen	Brit. str.	984	Dec. 19	C. M. S. N. Co.	Amoy and Shanghai	To-morrow
Jason	Brit. str.	1403	Dec. 19	Butterfield & Swire		
Jeddah	Brit. str.	993	Dec. 19	Ghee Cheong Hong		
Lee Yung	Brit. str.	150	June 19	Chinese		
Laurens	Brit. str.	788	Dec. 19	Siemens & Co.	Coast Ports	21st inst.
Laurens	Brit. str.	788	Dec. 19	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Namoa	Brit. str.	1033	Dec. 11	Soy Shing	Saigon	21st inst.
Ocean	Brit. str.	954	Dec. 18	Siemens & Co.	Swatow & Bangkok	24th inst.
Peking	Brit. str.	1000	Dec. 18	Yuen Fat Hong	Haiphong	
Phu Chua Chom Khao	Brit. str.	323	Dec. 12	A. R. Marry		
Saltee	Brit. str.	1892	Nov. 16	Russell & Co.	Nagasaki and Kobe	21st inst.
Selenbrin	Brit. str.	1750	Dec. 15	Messageries Maritimes	Singapore, &c.	21st inst.
Takachio Maru	Brit. str.	820	Dec. 13	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Tanah	Brit. str.	820	Dec. 13	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Thales	Brit. str.	137	Oct. 11	Edwards Schellhaas & Co.		
Ville de Lisbonne	Brit. str.	1377	Dec. 19	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Hoihow	To-morrow
Walle	Brit. str.	393	Dec. 18	Wielor & Co.	Victoria, B.C.	
<b>Sailing Vessels.</b>						
Aliso Mary	Brit. bge.	361	Nov. 20	Russell & Co.	Singapore	
Anna	Brit. bge.	447	Nov. 30	Wielor & Co.		
Anna Bertha	Brit. bge.	489	Dec. 3	Siemens & Co.		
Anna Dorothea	Brit. bge.	343	Dec. 3	Wielor & Co.		
Antioch	Brit. bge.	474	Dec. 4	Musso & Co.		
Antioch	Brit. bge.	558	Nov. 25	Order		
Asteria	Brit. bge.	211	Sept. 20	Order		
Brodrone	Brit. bge.	665	Dec. 2	Russell & Co.		
C. B. Carver	Brit. bge.	1100	Dec. 13	Thomas Rowe & Smith		
Channel Queen	Brit. bge.	609	Dec. 13	Edwards Schellhaas & Co.		
Elizabeth	Brit. bge.	1179	Nov. 30	McLehara & Co.		
Estimote	Brit. bge.	400	Nov. 14	Wielor & Co.		
Glenury	Brit. bge.	283	Dec. 3	Wielor & Co.		
Hansa	Brit. bge.	499	Nov. 25	Wielor & Co.		
Haydn Brown	Brit. bge.	821	Oct. 15	Russell & Co.		
Hecht	Brit. bge.	353	Dec. 18	Siemens & Co.	Honolulu	
Holena	Brit. bge.	355	Nov. 25	Siemens & Co.		
Hermann	Brit. bge.	425	Dec. 3	Wielor & Co.		
Heronymus	Brit. bge.	670	Sept. 8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	New York	
J. A. Roeland	Brit. bge.	417	Nov. 23	Edwards Schellhaas & Co.		
Jacobs	Brit. bge.	405	Nov. 26	Wielor & Co.		
Mathilde	Brit. bge.	355	Nov. 23	Edwards Schellhaas & Co.	Callao	
Michell Selchun	Brit. bge.	447	Nov. 23	Wielor & Co.		
Mount Lebanon	Brit. bge.	530	Oct. 13	Ross & Co.		
N. Gibson	Brit. bge.	560	Nov. 20	Russell & Co.		
Nolle M. Slade	Brit. bge.	604	Nov. 30	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Saturnia	Brit. bge.	489	Nov. 23	Edwards Schellhaas & Co.		
Osaka	Brit. bge.	1130	Oct. 27	Russell & Co.	New York	
Rachel	Brit. bge.	627	Nov. 23	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Roderick Hay	Brit. bge.	282	Nov. 30	Chinese		
Sachem	Brit. bge.	350	Nov. 23	Wielor & Co.		
Sarah	Brit. bge.	638	Dec. 1	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Saturnia	Brit. bge.	608	Dec. 3	Edwards Schellhaas & Co.		
Sibirian	Brit. bge.	307	Dec. 3	Edwards Schellhaas & Co.		
Spartan	Brit. bge.	388	Dec. 16	Carlowitz & Co.		
St. Jude	Brit. bge.	1263	June 8	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Twilight	Brit. bge.	490	Nov. 23	Foster & Co.		
Velocity	Brit. bge.	1000	Sept. 23	M. B. S. S. Co.		
Woodward	Brit. bge.	1262	Aug. 31	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Harve and London	
Zouave	Brit. bge.	1262	Aug. 31	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Harve and London	

## Her Britannic Majesty's Ships in the China Squadron.

Name.	Rig.	Tons Displ.	Guns.	L.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Albatross	composite screw sloop	940	4	840	Commander Chas. Hicks	Hankow
Adriatics	double-screw iron frigate	6010	14	4330	Captain R. E. Tracey	Hongkong
Champion	corvette	2380	14	2340	Captain A. T. Fowlett	Hongkong
Clio	corvette	2300	14	2610	Captain H. N. Hippisley	Hongkong
Cockchafer	gunboat	465	4	470	Lieut.-Com. Robt. H. Groome	Chefoo
Corgo	corvette	2383	14	2540	Captain Anstruther	Shanghai
Daring	composite sloop	940	4	920	Commander F. J. J. Elliott	Hongkong
Eek	double-screw gunboat	350	3	340	In reserve	Hongkong
Espoir	gunboat	430	4	465	Commander E. H. Gamble	Chinkiang
Flying Fish	sloop	940	4	840	Lieut.-Commander Hocklyn	Hongkong
Fishhound	double-screw gun-vessel	450	4	470	Commander John Hope	Hongkong
Kent	gunboat	450	4	470	Lieut.-Commander McQuhae	Foochow
Kentel	double-screw gun-vessel	710	4	830	Commander E. Hoiham	Tientsin
Linnnet	double-screw gun-vessel	707	5	1050	Commander J. J. Jones	Hongkong
Majie	surveying vessel	803	3	600	Lieut.-Com. Vereker	Singapore
Magnie	double-screw gun-vessel	465	4	470	Commander Tisdale	Hongkong
Oreutes	troopship	2770	6	970	Captain H. Andoe	Hongkong
Pegasus	composite screw sloop	1130	6	970	Commander Bickford	Singapore
Sapphir	corvette	1370	12	2360	Captain Fullerton	Nagasaki
Swift	double-screw gun-vessel	794	5	1010	Commander Wm. Collins	Canton
Tweed	double-screw gunboat	360	3	340	In reserve	Hongkong
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	3087	20	2220	Commodore Cuming	Hongkong
Vigilant	paddle despatch-vessel	655	2	1220	Lieut.-Com. Maxwell	Hongkong
Wivern	survey-ship	1800	4	1450	In reserve	Hongkong
Zephyr	gunboat	430	4	550	Lieut.-Com. G. N. A. Pollard	Hongkong
For H. B. M. Ships' tonnage, displacements and effective horse powers are given according to H. M. Navy List.						